

## **Driving Criteria**

Rule 325.22132(m) "Requires that each individual operating a licensed life support vehicle during an emergency response or patient transport has completed a vehicle operation education and competency assessment." This will be verified during a Life Support Agency inspection.

Rather than reviewing and approving specific courses, course content will be reviewed to ensure that it meets the minimum criteria. This may occur by either classroom or video based education and driving through a low speed course designed to teach the use and measure competency. The course shall also include supervised public roadway driving where the skills are demonstrated in actual traffic at normal speeds. All driving programs must meet the following educational criteria:

### **History and Legal Issues**

- I. Statistical Data Related To Emergency Vehicle Collisions / Crashes
  - A. Medical Legal Definitions
    - 1. Due Regard
    - 2. Negligence
    - 3. Emergency
      - a. P.A. 300, 1949, as amended, the Michigan Vehicle Code
      - b. P.A. 368, 1978, as amended, the Public Health Code
- II. Administrative and Operational Guidelines
  - A. Verification of Driving Record
  - B. Use of Seat Belts and Occupant Restraint System
  - C. Passengers
  - D. Minimum Rest Requirements
  - E. Emergency Response
    - 1. Use of Warning Devices
    - 2. Cautionary and Maximum Speeds
  - F. Drug / Substance Use Testing
  - G. Intersection Procedures
  - H. Driving Monitoring
    - 1. Supervisory
    - 2. Peer
    - 3. Mechanical

- III. Vehicle Performance
  - A. Vehicle Design
    - 1. Type I
    - 2. Type II
    - 3. Type III
    - 4. SUV Rescue
    - 5. Light Duty Rescue
    - 6. Heavy Duty Rescue
  - B. Vehicle Driving and Handling Characteristics
    - 1. Space Management
    - 2. Speed Management
    - 3. Special Situations / Hazardous
      - a. On Road
      - b. Off Road
  - C. Vehicle Placement
  - D. Vehicle Maintenance
    - 1. Formal Preventative Maintenance
    - 2. Driver's Vehicle Checklist
- IV. Assessment
  - A. Obstacle Course
    - 1. Practice
    - 2. Performance Assessment\*
  - B. Public Roadway Driving
    - 1. Practice
    - 2. Performance Assessment\*
  - C. Written Assessment\*
- V. Obstacle Course Minimal Requirements
  - A. Acceleration
  - B. Stopping / Braking
  - C. Distance Stopping
  - D. Backing
  - E. Narrowing Roadway
  - F. Turning
  - G. Lane Changing
  - H. Maneuvering through Curves

\*Must indicate pass / fail criteria for minimum competency